



Record-Breaking Slate Makes Run-Off Seem Certain

Improvement Assn. Offers Five Men

Last Wednesday night, after a year's inactivity, the Greenbelt Improvement Association met to elect officers and to draw up a slate of candidates for the town council.

The five comprise incumbent mayor George Bauer, Ben Goldfaden, former town recreation director, assistant postmaster George Eshbaugh, Frank J. McConnell and Albert J. Schaffer.

The four-point platform to which the nominees are pledged, according to the Evening Star, includes:

1. Introduction of private enterprise into the town to offer "fair competition" to the present "exclusive" cooperative set-up.

2. Giving Greenbelt residents "first consideration" when the town is disposed of by its present landlord, the Public Housing Administration.

3. Setting up a zoning ordinance to allow for new commercial areas and "preserve the beauty of the community." New playground facilities, especially in the North End, should be provided.

4. A town budget permitting expanded recreation and public safety facilities.

Newly elected officers of the GIA are Guy Moore, president; Thomas R. Freeman, vice president; William F. Donahue, secretary-treasurer.

Originally scheduled to meet in the Center Auditorium, the gathering moved to a smaller room when the expected crowd failed to materialize. Last week the Association packed the auditorium at a meeting called "to present the true facts about the current co-op controversy." Given over mostly to a reading of testimony taken at the hearing held by the House Small Business Committee, the meeting was terminated by Mayor Bauer, who acted as presiding officer, when objections were made to the "rowdiness" of several co-op representatives who were trying to get the floor for a discussion of points raised in the testimony.

Absentee Voting Rules Announced

Unanimous council action Monday gave absentee balloting privileges to local citizens who might otherwise be debarred from voting because of Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kippur holiday restrictions. Tuesday, September 16, which is Town Council election day, is also the second day of the two-day holiday.

Councilman Paul Dunbar entered the resolution in answer to a letter from Rabbi Morris Sandhaus, who pointed out the dilemma and asked the council to attempt a solution. Since State laws control election days and hours and provide that written balloting is the only method to be used, the town ordinance providing for absentee ballot in case of absence from town or illness was amended to include religious restrictions. Members of the Hebrew faith are prohibited from writing during either of the holidays.

Procedure for casting an absentee ballot, in accordance with the original ordinance, is as follows:

Application shall be made to the Town Clerk not later than three days before election. In order to facilitate registered voters who want to avail themselves of this privilege, Mrs. Winfield McCamey, Town Clerk, will be at the Town Administration office, next door to the bank, tomorrow from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. The application must be in writing. The ballot must be placed in a sealed envelope which identifies the sender, and must reach the Town Clerk before the polls close at 7 p. m. on Tuesday.

Here We Stand

Mr. Average Greenbelter may well feel confused, at this point, amid the usual welter of last minute flyers, which are not always intelligible, and the hubbub of charges and counter-charges launched by the various candidates and their backers.

We recommend, both to those who are undecided and to those who think they have made up their minds, that they attend the Citizens Association meeting to be held next Monday night, the 15th, at 8:30, in the Center School Auditorium.

A brand-new technique, for Greenbelt, of questioning the candidates by notes written from the floor, is to be instituted at this meeting.

Greenbelters who usually stay away from town powwows because they dislike fights, can be assured that this meeting will be orderly. At the same time, all factions will have a chance to ask the questions they consider vital.

Our assistant editor, in the last issue, committed us to a policy of not recommending any especial candidates to your notice.

We can at least outline our platform: 1. We support the Greenbelt Mutual Housing Association, which calls for local ownership of the town through a mutual housing corporation, at such time as the Government decides to sell this community. 2. Quick action to establish a zoning ordinance carrying out the pattern laid out by Hale-Walker, which protects yards, parks, and recreational areas from commercial encroachments. 3. Public referendum to decide what private enterprises be allowed to enter the community outside the radius established by the co-op's lease with the Government. 4. A town budget providing for a more complete public health service, full-time social worker, and expanded recreational and kindergarten programs.

We maintain that the Improvement Association platform's first point: "The introduction of private enterprise into the town to offer fair competition to the present exclusive co-operative set-up" is a phoney, because the lease now in effect between the co-op and the Government does permit the introduction of private enterprises outside the half-mile limit. It will be interesting to see if local stockholders, who have \$200,000 invested in Greenbelt Consumer Services, will respect the business judgment of candidates who object to this arrangement. Similar exclusive contracts are in force in housing developments like ours throughout the country.

You haven't seen statements from all the candidates in this newspaper. Some people still don't believe the "Letters to the Editor" column is open to all shades of opinion, regardless of the stand we take in editorials, and the cartoons we publish. So, for the whole story, we urge you again to attend the Citizens Association meeting Monday night. The town has never before in its history been faced with so many important issues. It is essential that the people of Greenbelt pick conscientious, intelligent, dignified council members that they will be proud to have represent them in the difficult days that lie ahead.

Quiz Candidates At Monday Meet

A pre-election Citizens Association meeting at 8:30 p. m. on Monday, September 15, in the center auditorium will give all council candidates an opportunity to present their platforms.

After three-minute speeches from each candidate, the audience will be allowed to question any speaker by written notes which will be forwarded to the presiding officer, Robert Davenport, the Association's president. Mr. Davenport will read each question aloud to the candidate thus addressed. The hope was expressed by Mr. Davenport that the written form of questioning will avert the confusion that has prevailed at similar meetings in the past.

Also scheduled for Monday's meeting is election of officers.

later than Saturday, September 20. Application must be made again no 23, in the event one is necessary. Provided for the run-off on September 23. Absentee ballots will also be pro-

Child Care Center Starts Fall Term

The Greenbelt Child Care Center, 14 Parkway Road, announces the opening of its fall and winter session on September 15. The Center offers all day or half-day care for children from the age of 2 to 10, on a monthly basis. The children are supervised by a professionally trained staff, and are given a well-balanced noon meal, morning and afternoon snacks, and regular rest periods.

Parents who wish to enroll their children may contact Miss Elizabeth Cameron, director of the center, at 5856.

At a meeting of the Executive Council of the Child Care Center, Tuesday, September 9, it was decided to maintain the present rates, as follows:

Pre-school age—\$38 per month. School age—\$24 per month. Two pre-school age (in one family) \$62.50 per month. Morning care only—\$22 per month. Afternoon care only—\$26 per month.

The hours are from 7 a. m. to 6 p. m. daily.

Highest Registration In History Averages One Voter Per Family

Local politicians agree that a run-off election is a sure bet in view of the large number of candidates for the five council positions in next Tuesday's election.

Candidates' Due

The names of the following candidates, alphabetically arranged, will appear on the ballots next Tuesday:

George Bauer
John Cain
Tom Canning
Abe Chasanow
Paul Dunbar
Sherrod East
George Eshbaugh
Vernon Fox
Ben Goldfaden
Dave Granahan
Elizabeth Harrington
Herbert Hertz
Francis Lastner
Allen Lawrence
Adelbert Long
Frank McConnell
Allen Morrison
Joseph Rogers
Al Schaffer
James Smith

According to the election provisions in the Town Charter, each candidate, or an alternate of his choosing, is permitted to watch the counting of the ballots.

The Cooperator wishes to draw this provision to public attention, as during the last election candidates and watchers were not allowed within the voting area by election officials. Considerable criticism and imputations of bad faith resulted.

GHS Alumni Meet

The Alumni Association of Greenbelt High School will hold an important meeting on Wednesday, September 17, at 8 p. m. at the high school. New officers will be elected and plans will be made for an active social program during the coming year. All Greenbelt High alumni, and particularly the 1947 graduates, are urged to attend.

Local Girl Scouts Need Adult Help

The first meeting of District Organization No. 1, Girl Scouts, will meet at the Scout room, 14 Parkway on Tuesday, September 15 at 8:00 p. m. Anyone interested in helping the Girl Scout organization either as leader, assistant leader or in any capacity is welcome to attend.

Mrs. Dora McNeel, chairman of the organization, phone 6483, states that there is a great need for help with the Scouts and Brownies this year because of so many changes in the community. In order to keep on with this program, the group must have help. The District Organization is composed of leaders of Scout and Brownie troops, their assistants, committee members and parents of others interested in helping girls through the Scout program.

Community Church Annual Meeting

The ladies of the Community Church will serve a non-profit fellowship supper to families and members of the church on Tuesday evening, September 25. It will be served in the social rooms of the Center School, buffet style, from 6:00 p. m. to 7:30 p. m. The supper will be immediately followed by the annual congregational business meeting of the church, at which the pastor, Rev. Eric T. Braund, will preside. Reports from all standing committees and Boards of the church will be presented in mimeographed form, and plans and goals for the coming year will be discussed. It is expected that Dr. Frederick Reissig of the Washington Federation of Churches will be present. All members of the church are urged to attend.



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To The Editor:

Candidates Speak

1. Who shall own Greenbelt?

I strongly advocate that

a. When disposed of, the community be kept intact, not divided between new and old Greenbelt, nor split up into small areas under different ownership.

b. The community not be sold to speculative real estate dealers whose only interest, naturally, will be to maximize the profit they can obtain from it.

c. The community be sold to its residents, and that the organization negotiating the sale be broadly representative of the entire community and have in its membership a large majority of the present residents who desire to continue to live here.

d. That present occupants be guaranteed the right to live in their present units, and that those desiring to move be given first priority on other units in Greenbelt.

2. Cooperatives vs. Individual Enterprise.

I believe that

a. Cooperative principles are sound because they benefit the consumer group as a whole instead of a few enterprising individuals seeking to make speculative profits off of the consumer group.

b. The lease between the Federal Government and Greenbelt Consumer Services should be maintained. It is inconceivable to me that the Federal Government should be encouraged to fail to respect its legal agreements.

c. G.C.S. has earned the right to its present position in the Center by virtue of ten years of earnest effort during which time it has served Greenbelt well under very difficult circumstances and wartime conditions.

d. The question of what forms of business enterprise shall be allowed to enter Greenbelt and what locations they shall be allowed to use for building should be decided by all of the residents of the community in a town referendum.

e. New shopping facilities should be located in the North End.

3. Zoning.

I think that

a. The new Council should immediately push action on the establishment of zoning regulations which will take into account the welfare of the entire community.

b. The zoning regulations should preserve the character of Greenbelt as a beautiful community with adequate park space, recreation areas, playgrounds for children, athletic facilities, and parking space.

c. The zoning regulations should not discriminate against any group now in Greenbelt.

4. Town Services.

I believe that

a. Present services, including athletic and recreation program, kindergarten, adult education, library, public health, and social services should be maintained and wherever feasible expanded.

b. The public health program, especially, should be studied and aided in order to make it more effective in its service to the community.

5. Town Government.

I think that

a. The City Manager form of government which we now have should be adhered to, and that the

Town Council should decide policy but not interfere with the Town Manager and other employees in the execution of their duties.

—ELIZABETH HARRINGTON

To the Editor:

I am a candidate for the Town Council of Greenbelt and desire to solicit the support of the people of Greenbelt towards my election. I have been a resident of Greenbelt over nine years during which time I have been active in several organizations and in the general community life of which my record speaks for itself. I have been President of the Men's Community Church Sunday School Class, Treasurer of the Greenbelt Athletic Club, and at present serving as President of the Greenbelt Men's Bowling League. I am a veteran and a member of the Greenbelt American Legion Post No. 136. I am employed by the Treasury Department as Assistant Personnel Officer of the Bureau of the Public Debt and received by Master's Degree in Accounting from Columbus University in 1940. I feel well qualified to serve the people of Greenbelt in their Town Council.

My primary motive in seeking election to the Town Council is to further the cause of the American way of life here in Greenbelt. In order to achieve this end it is my belief that the very principle on which our great country was founded is the right of every individual to pursue his ambitions and hopes based upon personal initiative rather than to be dictated to by any individual or group of individuals. The Town of Greenbelt should not be held out as a "guinea pig" of the Federal Public Housing Administration and neither should the people be dictated to and monopolized by any one commercial enterprise such as the Greenbelt Consumer Services. I believe unequivocally in that part of our Constitution which provides for free trade and to this end I will, if elected, serve the people of Greenbelt in the Town Council.

—ALBERT J. SCHAFER

To the Editor:

Vote for me because?

Because for ten years of residing here I belong to the many organizations in Greenbelt, NO! Because I am a veteran of World War II with three years served overseas, NO! Because I promise to do this or that for the good of our Town, NO!

Vote for me only if you feel that I am the one you want to serve on the Town Council for your representative.

One never knows from one month to another the situations that may arise and lately they have been turning up that way, how can I, or anyone else for that matter, promise what they are going to do in the coming two years.

I will, however, if I am elected, do my best to help bring about the many things that the people in Greenbelt want, need, and are striving for.

I still intend to work with the Council and the people for the good of our Town as I have in the past whether I am elected to serve on the Council or not.

This year I believe will be one of Greenbelt's strongest voting years. May the People get who they want and need and the best men win.

—VERNON T. FOX

Community Church Protestant

Eric T. Braund, Minister

2-A Crescent Road

Sunday, September 14—

9:30 a. m.—Church school, Tom Berry, Superintendent. Classes for all. New curriculum materials will be instituted on Sunday, October 4.

10 a. m.—Men's Bible Class, Rolfe Sauls, President.

10:50 a. m.—Church Nursery sponsored by the Guilds.

11 a. m.—Church Worship, Center school auditorium. Sermon: "Christian Stewardship or Giving Your Way to Wealth." The Church Choir will join in the processional and singing for the first time this season. The choir will be directed by Thomas Ritchie with Mrs. Daniel Neff at the organ. Contribution and pledge envelopes for the new church year which begins in October will be given out at the end of the service.

8 p. m.—Board of Deacons meets in Church Office, 8-B Parkway. This is the last meeting for the chairman, Clifford Woodward and several other members whose terms expire now.

Tuesday, September 16—

8 p. m.—Evening Guild meets at the home of Mrs. Merton Trast, 19-K Ridge.

Wednesday, September 17—

8 p. m.—Church Choir rehearsal, second floor, center school.

Thursday, September 18—

8:15 p. m.—Church Women's

Bowling Begins

The Greenbelt Athletic Club Men's Bowling League 1947-1948 bowling season was officially opened Tuesday evening by President Schaffer. Community Manager Cormack rolled the first ball. The champions of last year's season, American Legion No. 1, was victor in three games, but the sleeper in the league, Knotty Pines, also came out on top with three games. The league is off to a flying start, with over 160 men participating.

White Elephant

The Women's Society of the Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church will hold a white elephant sale on Friday, September 19, from 5 to 8 p. m. in the home economics room of the center school.

A variety of useful articles will be available for purchase. Everyone is welcome.

Guild Apron Sale

Anyone who missed the sale of aprons for kindergarten children and would like to order one or more may do so by calling Mrs. Woodward, 6426 or Mrs. Shannon, 5042. The sale was sponsored by the Evening Guild of the Community Church.

Discussion Group holds its first meeting of the season at the home of Mrs. Wells Harrington, 4-C Plateau Place.

Holiday Services

The Jewish Community Center of Greenbelt will hold its High Holiday Services at the Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church, Woodland Way. Rabbi Morris A. Sandhaus will conduct the services, assisted by Cantor Samuel Gottesman.

Schedule of Services

Rosh Hashonah (New Year)—

Sunday, September 14 at 7:00

p. m. Monday, September 15 at

8:30 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Tuesday,

September 16 at 8:30 a. m.

Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)—

Tuesday, September 23 at 7 p. m.

Wednesday, September 24 at 8:30

a. m.

Yizkor (Memorial Services) at 11

a. m.

The Jewish Community Center of Greenbelt takes great pleasure in wishing everybody "A very happy and prosperous new year."

Hebrew Services

Sabbath Services will be conducted by Rabbi Sandhaus, Friday, at 8:30 p. m., September 12, in the social room of the center school. All are cordially invited to attend.

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A Message To Greenbelt

At the recent Congressional hearings before the House Small Business Committee, Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc. was made the victim of a political inquisition. The hearings seem to have been primarily an attempt of the Committee to force the Government to sell Greenbelt, and G.C.S. was caught in the backwash. The publicity that followed has caused a certain amount of confusion. To avoid any possible misunderstanding we wish to state the position of G.C.S. in this matter.

Greenbelt, A Town to be Proud of

At the hearings, witnesses for the Committee and witnesses for G.C.S. all gave an enthusiastic recital of life in Greenbelt. G.C.S. and Greenbelt came through with flying colors. We are indeed proud.

What Will Happen Now?

The resolution of the Committee urging Public Housing Administration to break its lease with G.C.S. seems to have been primarily a publicity stunt. P.H.A. has said publicly that they have no reason to even consider the matter unless Congress takes action. Action of Congress will probably be concerned with selling Greenbelt. Even this will not affect the present G.C.S. leases. If Greenbelt is sold it will simply mean a new landlord.

What about Monopoly?

G.C.S. was accused at the hearings of being a monopoly. The word itself is misleading. Some people consider the post office a monopoly; however, it is clearly in the public interest.

G.C.S. is no monopoly in the way the Committee tried to prove. G.C.S. has a lease in a situation similar in many ways to the new shopping centers now being built by private enterprise. The lease does not restrict other kinds of businesses coming in. It simply prevents more than one store of a kind in the Center. It protects the Cooperative investments of two-thirds of the people of Greenbelt, and it protects the beauty and efficient layout of the Center Area. Samuel F. Ashelman, Jr., G.C.S. General Manager, stated at the hearings that he would welcome competition from private businesses in Greenbelt if established in accordance with sound town planning.

It is well known that cooperatives are one of the best instruments for breaking monopolies. The Small Business Committee itself stated last year that "There is substantial evidence to show that the Cooperative movement operates as a very successful means of combating monopolistic concentrations and, as such, is a very healthy addition to the American economy."

What is the Big Issue?

We believe the big issue is—WILL THE GOVERNMENT SELL GREENBELT, WHEN, TO WHOM, AND UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS? The attempt of a small group in Greenbelt to distract attention from this all-important matter is malicious. Greenbelt has received a challenge. Greenbelt can meet it if we all remain alert and work together to protect our homes and our community.

The Election

Any charge that the Cooperative is running a slate in the Town Council election is false. Political action by any of our members is their own business as citizens. They are not representing G.C.S.

GREENBELT  **Consumer Services, Inc.**

St. Hugh's Catholic Church

Daily Mass: 7 a. m. at St. Hugh's Chapel, 58-A Crescent Road.
Sunday Mass: 7:30 and 9:30 in the theater.

7:30 a. m. Mass: Corporate Communion Sunday for all members of the Holy Name Society and all men of the parish. The Mass will be offered for their Special Intentions.
1 p. m.—Baptisms.
Confessions: 7:30-9:30 p. m. this Saturday only.

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Pastor, Rev. Raymond W. Cooke
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To the Voters:

The next few years will be critical and decisive ones for Greenbelt. Whether or not our dream of a town for the people and by the people comes true, depends in great part on the kind of a Council we elect. It is more important than ever, therefore, that the voters look over their candidates carefully, and vote intelligently and without group pressures for the five who will help develop Greenbelt best for all Greenbelters.

Perhaps the most sincere approval of my candidacy was that of a friend who has often disagreed with me in the past. "I'm glad you are running," he said, "because you can be such an ornery cuss in fighting for what you think is right." Before I outline some of the "right" issues as I see them, here are some pertinent personal facts: I am a member of St. Hugh's Catholic Church, belong to the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. I was the first president of the Greenbelt Mutual Housing Association, a director of Greenbelt Consumer Services, and a committee chairman of the Greenbelt Citizens Association.

In this limited space, I can comment only briefly on three important topics:

ONE. MUTUAL HOUSING. I favor the purchase of Greenbelt, at the appropriate time and at a fair cost, under a well-thought out mutual housing plan. If the Government can sell war plants to big business for twenty-five cents on the dollar, it seems consistent with my idea of good government to dispose of Greenbelt to the residents at a reasonable price.

TWO. THE CO-OP. I believe in well-administered co-ops as yardsticks to control unbridled exploitation by unprincipled so-called "free enterprises." I find such a belief in co-ops consistent with accepted sound economic theories and in harmony with the teachings and practices of my religion. The Catholic Rural Life Conference, for example, encourages and promotes farm and consumer co-ops throughout the country. Co-ops are not socialistic. They are not communistic.

However, I seriously question the management policies of GCS. Services have not improved sufficiently. Overhead costs are too high and patronage returns are too low. The present policy of hiring new key personnel is open to criticism. These and many other points require the immediate attention of the Co-op Board and all interested members but they are not the direct concern of the Council.

I believe in fair competition and should welcome other businesses into Greenbelt in properly zoned commercial areas. If possible, I would either restrict chain stores or provide some protection against unfair competition. I also believe that GCS has some vested rights in their present store sites.

THREE. THE NORTH END. I believe the North End has been seriously neglected by the town, by FPHA and by GCS. I am bitterly opposed to the "Double standard" policies which prevent the North End from getting any of the many improvements that are so badly needed.

Limited space prevents me from discussing other items such as "white collar" industry for Greenbelt; metropolitan telephone service for Greenbelt; an adequate budget; semi-annual reports by the town manager and the Council to the people in an open town meeting; and other similar issues.

Sincerely,

—A. C. LONG

To the Editor:

I am a native of Vance County, North Carolina, educated in the public schools in Henderson, and also various service schools in Rhode Island and Virginia, while in the Navy.

For nine years independently engaged in tobacco business in Georgia, North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky and Virginia. From 1928 to 1930 Tax Lister for Vance County, compiling and assessing real and personal property from which city and county tax rates are established. Have served approximately nineteen years in Federal Service. At present employed as Engineer in Naval Ordnance Laboratory. Since moving to Greenbelt about ten years ago my chief civic interests have been: Boy Scout Committeeman and Cub Leader; Chairman Greenbelt Citizens Association's Ways and Means Committee 1938 to 1940; member Greenbelt Defense Council during late war; member Greenbelt Athletic Association.

My position on two of perhaps the most important problems facing Greenbelt today is unmistakably clear:

1. With respect to pending legislation involving change of ownership of Greenbelt properties:

I advocate, and if elected, will support wholeheartedly either privately or publicly any plan or undertaking that will permit the people of Greenbelt to purchase their homes, whether through Mutual Housing or some other similar organization.

I am emphatically opposed to any plan or scheme designed to dispose of Greenbelt to any person or persons, firm, company or corporation that may use our town for purposes of exploitation.

2. I am not a candidate for the purpose of aiding or abetting in the liquidation of Greenbelt Consumer Services. Whether private enterprise should be permitted to engage in business and compete with Greenbelt Consumer Services is a matter which the people themselves should decide. It is our responsibility, however, as citizens, to further the will of the people and through democratic procedures decide the issues thus raised by popular referendum.

If elected I will do my utmost to serve the interests of the people of Greenbelt in a judicious and straightforward manner irrespective of race or creed, with equal civility and fairness to all.

—J. C. SMITH

Choral Group Holds First Sing

Dr. Harlan Randall of the University of Maryland, director of the Greenbelt Community Chorus, conducted the first singing meeting of the group Monday night. About sixty singers ranging from high school age up participated.

The chorus will meet each Monday night at 8:30, promptly, in the Home Economics room of the Center School. Dr. Randall emphasized that the singing would start promptly at 8:30, and that everyone should be in place and ready to sing at that time. Membership in the chorus is open to anybody in Greenbelt and vicinity who likes to sing. It is hoped the Chorus will grow to two hundred or more members. Male voices are particularly needed.

Fred Pfeiffer, chairman of the board of directors, presided over the meeting. He announced that the membership fee for the first half of the program year is one dollar. Weekly dues are fifty cents to be used to cover expenses of the group, such as director, pianist and music.

Other officers of the group are Mrs. Charles Cormack, membership chairman; Tom Freeman, vice-chairman; Mrs. Mary Jane Kinzer, advisor; Miss Fay Friedman, secretary; Samuel Gottesman, treasurer; Mrs. O. M. Slye, librarian and publicity. These compose the Board of Directors which will serve until the first of the year, when officers will be elected. Pianist for the Chorus is Mrs. Gordon A. Finlay.

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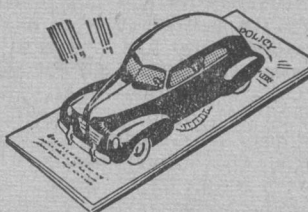
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A united Town Council which is concerned with the welfare of all the people and not just a few may be able to prevent such a disaster.

Your vote in Tuesday's election will be appreciated.

—ALLEN D. MORRISON

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Vote for

JAMES C. SMITH

for Town Council

I earnestly solicit your support in the election to be held Tuesday, September 16, 1947. If elected I will do my utmost to serve the interests of all the citizens of Greenbelt, irrespective of class, race, or creed, with equal civility and fairness to all.

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To The Editor

You have undoubtedly seen the circular distributed by the so-called Greenbelt Improvement Association on Sunday, September 8th, which attacked me, together with other local citizens and your newspaper. It is typical of the vicious and malicious propaganda which is being circulated by that organization, and represents the kind of "improvement" it is engaged in.

It is regrettable that the people of Greenbelt must be subjected to that sort of gutter politics.

I don't know what the Cooperator intends to do about it, but I have advised the Secretary of that organization that I intend to file suit against him and the other members of his organization who published and distributed the circular unless a satisfactory retraction of the libel is circulated throughout the town.

I am sure the people of Greenbelt will vote for candidates because of their records rather than the untruths published about them. Insofar as my record is concerned, I have been President of the Citizens Association, President of the Parent-Teacher Association, Vice President of the Mutual Housing Association, and one of the Directors of the Health Association. I was admitted to practice before the U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia in 1934, and the Supreme Court of the United States in 1938. I have represented the Navy Department Credit Union as attorney, and served as General Counsel for the District of Columbia Table Tennis Association. Those who know me personally know that I have always fought vigorously for the best interests of the people of Greenbelt. It was the legal opinion I submitted to the Town Council in 1940 which resulted in the local personal property tax being declared invalid, and I was one of the leaders in the fight against the increase in rents in Greenbelt.

I have always prided myself on being independent of any partisan group or faction. I feel that intelligent and capable members of the Town Council will be badly needed to represent the people of Greenbelt during the two crucial years before us. I believe that my administrative training and legal background would be of value to the Town Council, and am willing to devote both time and effort to represent the people of Greenbelt on that body.

—ABRAHAM CHASANOW

Indignant

To the Editor:

I attended a widely advertised public meeting of the Greenbelt Improvement Association held September 3 at the center school auditorium. At this meeting I, as well as others, was granted the floor by the chairman to ask a question, which I did in an orderly fashion. Much to my surprise, a leaflet was circulated throughout town last Sunday night in which a group of people, including myself, were accused of "trying to incite that meeting to riot." I deny this charge and will do all in my power, by legal means, to see that my name and character are protected from vicious underhanded attacks like this. The Greenbelt Improvement Association, an organization which has neither the courage nor the conviction to state its purposes and officers in the local telephone directory, and refused to answer questions as to its purposes and officers on the floor of that public meeting, is the author of these charges.

WILLIAM NICHOLAS

Enthusiastic

Many candidates for the town council are basing their pleas for votes on promises of service to Greenbelt. I am urging that you vote for Betty Harrington because she has demonstrated in deeds her devotion to Greenbelt ever since she moved here five years ago. Approximately 4500 of Greenbelt's residents are children—what other candidate has done as much for the children of Greenbelt in ways that will affect their health and character for years to come?

While Mrs. Harrington was president of Greenbelt's elementary PTA she established cafeterias in both elementary schools, so hot lunches could be a regular part of a child's school life. The patrol boys were encouraged in a sense of responsibility and leadership and given concrete recognition by awards of raincoats and hoods, a program of hot cocoa all during the winter, and by being sent to camp in the summer. Equipment for both schools, like a much-needed piano for the North End School, was purchased under her leadership.

Since she has become president of the Prince Georges County Council of PTAs her service to Greenbelt has been even greater, for of course our school system, part of the county's, can only improve as the county's standards are raised. She was undoubtedly the chief factor in getting a juvenile court for the county established, a court which benefits Greenbelt children as well as others in the county. The greatly needed four-million-dollar county school building program is in progress largely through her efforts and leadership in focusing public opinion. All of us with children in Greenbelt, the county's fastest-growing town, can be grateful to her that this program will diminish the overcrowding that is already serious in the schools our children attend. Most important of all, she was instrumental in raising the minimum teacher's salary in the county to \$2400. We all know that the teacher is a key person in a child's growth. For this work to keep our good teachers and raise our standards to attract the best in the profession, every parent in Greenbelt can thank Mrs. Harrington.

Her work has been for adults as well as children. Through her efforts as chairman of the Community War Fund in 1944, Greenbelt tripled its annual contribution to the varied agencies that serve us all.

Her record demonstrates her continuing devotion to Greenbelt. Vote for Betty Harrington on Sept. 16.

A Parent and Citizen.

Complimentary

To the Editor:

I would like to compliment Mr. Bauer and his associates upon the good humor they maintained in the face of what I consider "organized rabble rousing" by the self-appointed intelligentsia of our town. I am now convinced that they will resort to any means, fair or foul, to gain their ends.

Last week I attended a GCS meeting and when I wanted several questions clarified I raised my hand in the approved manner but was promptly ignored because I do not belong to the "charmed circle."

The point I wish to stress is that I am amazed that these same people who sit in orderly quiet at their own meetings can cause such disturbances at a meeting which was called for the benefit of all the people of Greenbelt.

—DOROTHY M. GALVIN

Independent

To the Editor:

I hate politics, ed, and sister, am I independent! Yet I'll not let Greenbelt Election Day get by without scratching my X's where they'll do the most good.

We can stand plenty of changes, you know. Not that I'm expecting a full new council of thinkers instead of just sitters and yessers; according to the list of candidates that's going to require judicious culling. Perhaps a well-constructed, impartial civil service exam for Councilman would develop what we need, but that is too much to hope for.

If the citizens will merely vote according to common sense and dispel emotionalism and organizational barriers from the booth, we might elect a passable crew. Then if an able and intelligent person of conscience occupies the mayoral chair, the town will be far stronger to resist future attacks from without and to weld our various factions with Greenbelt into one community.

Of the 15 or so candidates for election there are a number of likely selections. It irks me, though, that some of them drag in irrelevant facts in listing their qualifications. What is the significance, I ask you, of having been a block captain in the Legion, a charter member of the Athletic Association, an adherent of a certain church, or a member of the Men's Bowling League? If these inconsequentials (so far as council work is concerned) are measures of aptitude for community planning, for policy-making ability, or for administrative knowledge, I'll call my grandpa down from Maine to run in the next election—he's a wiz with a billiard cue!

—LYMAN L. WOODMAN

Friendly Critic

To the Editor:

I would not like to see Greenbelt opened to private business, because I believe the moment this is done the town will become commercialized, more and more of the trees cut down, and the beauty and quietness of the entire town ruined. Whereas, co-ops have a civic conscience.

Therefore, I do not feel that the consumer cooperative has failed our town in any way. I have the greatest faith in it and believe that citizens like myself stand to gain far more from it in the way of profit and satisfaction than they would from a chain store.

I would make only one criticism of Greenbelt Consumer Services. It is scrupulously honest in its dealings, even having clerks substitute fresh produce for spoiled produce which has been picked up by mistake. But it will not listen to individual criticism, as will a privately owned store, and this is bad for the enterprise itself. Whether it is laundry methods, where careless handling spoils the housewife's linens, or whether it's consumer cooperative produce that is not up to standard (and this is very rare), the complaining customer should be listened to. Try it and see.

—MARGARET BEAUFORT

New Drama Season

The Greenbelt Theater Group will hold its first meeting of the season on Friday night, September 12, at 8:30 in Room 225, Center School.

The group is open to all those interested in any phase of dramatics—acting, directing, stage craft, or just seeing that good plays are put on in Greenbelt.

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I respectfully solicit your vote on the 16th.

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I am running for election to the Town Council for the first time because I feel that this town has suffered too long under the incompetent leadership of George Bauer and the group he represents.

I have always been a staunch supporter of Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc.

I was one of the founders of Greenbelt Mutual Housing Association.

I favor the admission of private enterprise only if the people of Greenbelt so vote by public referendum.

A vote for me is a vote against Bauer

—ABRAHAM CHASANOW

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I am running for re-election to Town Council because I want to continue to do my part in Greenbelt. Get out and vote on Tuesday, Sept. 16, 1947, for the men of your choice.

—PAUL DUNBAR

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that counts!

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one of your five votes

on
Tuesday, September 16

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VOTE FOR
DAVID M. GRANAHAH
Candidate for
Town Council



Are you proud of your Town?
Do you want your representatives on the Town Council to handle the affairs of your town with decency, honesty, and dignity?
Do you want your town to be the kind in which you are glad to raise your children?
If elected to the Town Council I pledge my best efforts to help make and keep Greenbelt the kind of place we want it to be.

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